

# AR HOME INSPECTOR REGISTRATION BOARD

## Enabling Laws

Act 1328 of 2003  
A.C.A. 17-52-301 et seq

## History and Organization

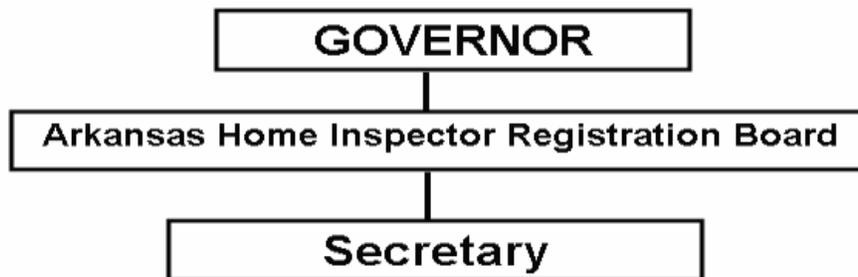
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The Board evaluates qualifications of applicants, and investigates complaints or allegations of violations of the Act.

The Board is composed of seven (7) members appointed by the Governor as follows: four (4) registered home inspectors, one (1) licensed real estate professional, one (1) licensed real estate appraiser, and one (1) at large member to serve as a consumer advocate.

The Board currently contracts for part-time administrative support and office facilities in order to provide a central place for records storage, Board meetings, and service to licensees and the general public.



## Agency Commentary

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The Arkansas Home Inspector Registration Board is requesting a continuation of its Base Level appropriation of \$33,090 each year of the 2005-2007 biennium to cover the cost of board expense reimbursement when authorized, part-time administrative support, and any costs of hearings incurred.

## Audit Findings

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT  
AUDIT OF :  
ARKANSAS HOME INSPECTOR REGISTRATION BOARD  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

Findings

Recommendations

THE 2005 FISCAL YEAR WAS THE FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION FOR THE ARKANSAS HOME INSPECTOR REGISTRATION BOARD. AN AUDIT HAD NOT BEEN PREPARED AS OF THE PUBLICATION DATE OF THIS MANUAL.

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## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation / Program:** 2JV - Operations

**Funding Sources:** MHR-Arkansas Home Inspectors Registration Fund

Act 1328 of 2003 repealed Subchapters 1 and 2 of Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 52 and added an additional subchapter. Subchapter 3 cited as "The Arkansas Home Inspectors Registration Act" created the Arkansas Home Inspector Registration Board. Prior to this legislation, the Home Inspector Advisory Board, created under A.C.A. §17-52-107, determined the subject content and educational standards of home inspector courses as well as developed and implemented procedures for processing and resolving complaints registered against and by home inspectors practicing in the State. Administrative duties were provided by the Secretary of State including the collection of registration and renewal fees.

A.C.A. §17-52-306 established the powers and duties of the Board and also allowed for the Board to become a separate state agency once fund balance requirements were met. Having met those requirements, the Board became a separate state agency effective July 1, 2004.

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The Agency is requesting Base Level in the amount of \$33,090 each year for the 2005-2007 biennium.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

## Appropriation / Program Summary

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Commitment Item	Historical Data			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation					
	2003-2004 Actual	2004-2005 Budget	2004-2005 Authorized	2005-2006			2006-2007		
				Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Operations 5900046	1,270	33,090	0	33,090	33,090	33,090	33,090	33,090	33,090
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,270</b>	<b>33,090</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>33,090</b>	<b>33,090</b>	<b>33,090</b>	<b>33,090</b>	<b>33,090</b>	<b>33,090</b>
<b>Funding Sources</b>									
Fund Balance 4000005	78,231	77,692		89,602	89,602	89,602	106,512	106,512	106,512
Fees 4000245	731	45,000		50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>78,962</b>	<b>122,692</b>		<b>139,602</b>	<b>139,602</b>	<b>139,602</b>	<b>156,512</b>	<b>156,512</b>	<b>156,512</b>
<b>Excess Appropriation/(Funding)</b>	<b>(77,692)</b>	<b>(89,602)</b>		<b>(106,512)</b>	<b>(106,512)</b>	<b>(106,512)</b>	<b>(123,422)</b>	<b>(123,422)</b>	<b>(123,422)</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,270</b>	<b>33,090</b>		<b>33,090</b>	<b>33,090</b>	<b>33,090</b>	<b>33,090</b>	<b>33,090</b>	<b>33,090</b>

Act 1328 of 2003 created the Arkansas Home Inspector Registration Board and allowed for the Board to become a separate state agency. Act 1314 of 2003, Section 14 provided an operating appropriation for the Board within the Secretary of State's Office. The Board, having met the requirements to become a separate agency voted to do so effective 7-01-2004 and the operating appropriation has been transferred to the new agency.